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Letter from the Editors

Happy Holidays Crafters,

The holiday season is in full swing and everyone's getting in the spirit with great Christmas crafts. Homemade Christmas decorations and gifts will be popular this year as our economy is still bouncing back from the recession. With your enthusiasm for crafting, your kids will want to get in on the fun too! Our team at FaveCrafts has put together some festive Christmas crafts for kids that come to us highly recommended by Santa himself.

Help your kids make a special card for Grandma and Grandpa, or create a beautiful garland that will look great in a doorway or on the tree. When it comes to Christmas decorations and gifts, let your kids help this year and you'll be surprised how spirited your home will feel.

Merry Christmas!

You can find more Christmas craft ideas, free knitting patterns, craft projects and extensive decorating ideas at www.FaveCrafts.com.

Our eBooks, like all our craft projects, are absolutely FREE to members of our crafting community. Please feel free to share with family and friends and ask them to sign up at our website for our free e-mail newsletter.

Happy Crafting,

The Editors of FaveCrafts

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Santa's Favorite Ornaments

Easy Icicle Ornaments for Kids

By: Mandy Court for MaKC Creations

These easy beaded icicle ornaments are a fun and easy craft for the kids to do this Christmas. Use colorful sequins and metallic beads to make these easy Christmas ornaments.

Materials:

- Metallic, crystal or opaque beads in assorted shapes and sizes
- Metallic pipe cleaners
- Large sequins of any shape (Stars in Picture)

Steps:

1. Thread one large sequin on to the pipe cleaner. Fold up about 1/4" of the pipe cleaner to make a knot (so the sequin does not slide off).

2. Thread on beads in desired pattern until you reach your desired length. Be sure to leave about 3" of pipe cleaner at the top to make a loop.

3. Bend pipe cleaner over to just reach the last bead. Twist the end to hold in place. Now you should have a loop to hang your icicle on the tree.

Festive Ice Skate Ornaments

By: The New Image Group

Make an easy Christmas craft using felt and paper clips. These festive ice skate ornaments are quick and easy gifts to make and will look great on your Christmas tree. Try this easy homemade Christmas craft with the kids.

Materials:

- Scissors
- Jumbo Paper Clip
- Craft Glue
- 36" of 1/8" Ribbon
- Safety Needle
- Small Single Hole Punch
- 1 - 9 x 12 Soft Felt Sheet
- Fiber Fill (optional)
- Sequins (optional)
- Glitter (optional)
- Pom Poms (optional)

Pattern

Steps:

1. Using theSkate Template,cut out the skate from your 9 x 12 Soft Felt Sheet.

2. Fold skate shape in half. Slide paper clip, open side into bottom of the skate, into the bottom fold.

3. Glue the side edge's of the skate together. Do not glue all the way to the top. Leave about 3/4" open so you are able to fold down the top of your skate. TIP: Make sure to avoid gluing the paper clip.

4. Place heavy object on the skate until dry.

5. Punch holes with a small single hole punch on right side of skate where you have glued.

6. Cut 12" of the ribbon. Thread your safety needle and start lacing your skate from the bottom of the toe and

up to the top of the skate.

7. Cut another 12" of ribbon and begin lacing your skate. Start at the toe using both ends of your ribbon (similar to lacing up your shoes).

8. Double knot your ribbon at the top and tie into a bow. Use a small dot of glue to keep your bow in place.

9. Fold down the top portion of the skate. Punch a single hole in the top left corner. This will be through four layers of felt.

10. Push the remaining piece of ribbon through the hole for the hanger. Tie in a bow.

Optional Embellishments:

- You can use fiber fill to stuff your skate to add extra dimension to it.
- Also, embellish with glitter, sequins, or pom poms to personalize each different skate.

Felt Cheer Ornaments

By: Allee Marderosian for ilovetocreate.com

Colorful felt and holiday stencils make homemade ornaments easy and fun to create. The whole family can help create these easy felt Christmas ornaments.

Materials:

- Tulip® Multi-Surface Stencil™

  Ornaments
  Snowflakes

- Tulip® 3D Fashion Paint

  65000 White
  65130 True Red

- Tulip® Glam-It-Up!™ Fashion Art Tweezers™
- Aleene's® Original Tacky Glue®
- Tulip® Soft Fabric Paint™

  BI15790 Crimson Red
  BI15799 Holiday Green

- Tulip® Cordless Heat Setting Tool™
- Tulip® Glam-It-Up!™ Iron-On Crystals™ 23123 300 Clear Pack
- Ruler
- Paper towels
- Ribbon: gold, red, silver, blue
- Wedge makeup sponge
- Chalk
- Thin cording: gold, silver
- Paper plate/foil
- Scissors
- Felt: red, green, light blue, dark blue
- Large cup or circular object – 4" diameter

Instructions:

1. Place circular object on felt and use chalk to trace two circles. Cut out. Repeat on other colors of felt if desired.

2. Measure and use chalk to mark a 4" long by 1½" wide strip on darker color of felt. Cut out.

3. Cut desired length of cording for ornament loop. Squeeze Original Tacky Glue around edge of one circle, then create a loop with cording and press into glue on top edge of circle. Press matching circle on top of cording and glue, aligning edges of circles and sandwiching cording in between circles.

4. Glue the dark felt strip across center of top circle. Let dry, then trim edges of strip to align with circle. Refer to photo.

5. Choose desired holiday stencil and remove from packaging. Peel from backing and press stencil onto felt strip on ornament. Run a finger along all stencil edges to seal from paint seepage.

6. Squeeze a puddle of Soft Fabric Paint onto paper plate or foil. Dab flat end of

makeup sponge into paint, tapping off excess on a clean area of plate or foil. Dab into stencil openings. Refer to photo for color placement. Remove stencil and let dry.

7. Start flow of 3D Fashion Paint on a paper towel, applying an even pressure on bottle for a smooth line. Using True Red Slick for red and green ornament and White Slick for blue ornament, write out desired wording on ornaments. Refer to photo. Let dry.

8. Use Fashion Art Tweezers to place crystals where desired on ornaments. Adhere crystals to ornaments with Cordless Heat-Setting Tool, following package instructions.

9. Use ribbon to tie bows to ornament loops.

Reindeer Ornament

By: Cousin Corporation of America

Have Rudolph the red nosed reindeer hanging from your Christmas tree this year. This easy ornament is great for kids to help out with. Easy Christmas crafts are always fun for the whole family.

Materials:

- 2 wiggle eyes (15mm oval used on sample)
- 16 large (18mm) brown starflake beads
- 1 small (10mm) red pom pom
- 1-12 inch piece of gold tinsel stem (or pipe cleaner)
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Craft glue

Steps:

1. Cut the 12 inch tinsel stem into three pieces. One 8 inch piece and two 2 inch pieces. Set the two 2 inch pieces aside for now.

2. Slip 16 starflake beads onto the 8 inch tinsel stem and slide them to the center. (See photo)

3. Twist the ends of the tinsel stem together to form a circle. The extra tinsel stem will become the antlers. Twist the 2 pieces of tinsel stem (cut in Step 1) around the antlers. Shape them as shown. (See photo)

4. Glue a red pom pom to the bottom center of the circle to make the nose.

5. Glue 2 wiggle eyes close together at the top of the circle to finish the face.

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Tiered Christmas Tree Ornament

By: Mandy Court for MaKC Creations

Get out the scrapbook paper and create fun and easy Christmas ornaments with your kids. This easy kids Christmas crafts requires just a few simple materials to get started and the result is a lovely three tiered Christmas tree to hang in a window or on your tree.

Materials:

- Scrapbook paper
- Glue stick
- Pony beads
- Ribbon
- Glitter Glue
- Glitter Pens or Markers
- Paperclips

Steps:

1. Cut three circles (small, medium, large) from your scrapbook paper using the circle template.

2. Cut out of each circle the quarter section as marked

3. Add additional decorations as desired on each circle using glitter glue or glitter pens. Let dry.

4. Using the glue stick, glue along on straight edge.

5. Pull the other straight edge to overlap the glue making a cone. Place a paperclip along the glued edge to hold in place until the glue dries.

6. Cut a piece of ribbon about 10" long. Fold in half. Tie a pony bead on to the loose end (the pony bead is to keep the cones from sliding off the ribbon or out of place). Thread the ribbon through the hole in the top of the largest cone (if the hole is too small make a small cut so the ribbon will thread through.

7. Tie another pony bead about 1" above the large cone. Thread the ribbon through the whole of the medium cone.

8. Tie another pony bead on about 1" above the medium cone and thread on the smallest cone.

9. Optional. Cut slits in the lower edge of each cone and curl the slitted paper upwards using a pencil.

Candy Ornaments

By: DecoArt

Swirled peppermint mints and holiday lollipops become unique Christmas ornaments with this project. Find out the clever idea for the ornament base!

Materials:

DecoArt Products Required
Patio Paint

- DCP14 - Cloud White
- DCP25 - Citrus Green
- DCP42 - Fuchsia
- DCP43 - Holly Berry Red
- DCP46 - Mistletoe Green

Craft Twinkles

- DCT4 - Christmas Green
- DCT5 - Christmas Red

Snow-Tex

- DAS9 - Snow-Tex

Glamour Dust

- DAS37 - Glamour Dust Crystal

Supplies

- #8 flat brush
- Small round sponge pouncer
- Cellophane
- 1/8" ribbon, assorted colors
- Two 5/16" x 8" wood dowels
- Low-temp hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Scissors
- Craft knife
- Pencil
- 3" standard terra cotta saucers

Steps:

Let dry between steps.

Peppermint

1. Paint saucer Cloud White with #8 flat brush.

2. Use pencil (or freehand) swirls on Cloud White saucer. Alternately paint large swirl sections of Holly Berry Red and Mistletoe Green, leaving narrow Cloud White stripe between each.

3. Apply Christmas Green and Christmas Red Craft Twinkles on matching color stripes.

4. Wrap with cellophane. Tie ribbon at each side.

5. Thread 8"piece of ribbon through one bow. Knot to secure for hanger.

Lollipops

1. Paint one saucer Cloud White and another saucer Holly Berry Red.

2. Cut dowel rod using craft knife into 5" lengths. Basecoat one dowel length Holly Berry Red and the other Citrus

Green.

3. Use #8 flat brush and Mistletoe Green to paint small Christmas tree shape in center of Cloud White saucer and stripes around rim. Paint bucket under tree, border, and lollipop stick, Holly Berry Red.

4. Add Christmas Green Craft Twinkles to tree.

5. Use pouncer Cloud White to stamp dots on red saucer. When dry, apply Fuchsia and Citrus Green over some of Cloud White dots.

6. While paint is wet, sprinkle with Glamour Dust.

7. Position and adhere sticks on reverse side of saucers.

8. Wrap lollipops with cellophane. Tie with ribbon.

9. Thread 7" piece of ribbon through cellophane and around sticks at top to form hanger.

Mini-Stocking Ornament

By: The New Image Group

No one belongs on the Christmas tree more than Santa does! These tiny red Santa boots are adorable amidst Christmas greenery.

Materials:

- Scissors
- Fabric Glue
- 6" of 3/8" Wide Grosgrain Ribbon
- 19 x 12 Red Soft Felt Sheet
- 19 x 12 White Stick-It Felt Sheet
- Mini Stocking Ornament Template
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Optional Supplies:
Stick-It Felt Stickers

Steps:

1. Using the Stocking Template, cut out the following shapes: White Stick-It Felt Sheet, 2 Tops to the Stocking, Red Soft Felt Sheet, 2 Stocking Pieces

2. Apply a thin line of glue to all sides (except the top) of one of your stocking pieces.

3. Place remaining stocking piece on top of glued piece. Push your finger lightly along the glue line to make sure it is a secure fit.

4. Fold 6" piece of ribbon in half.

5. Glue to the back corner of your stocking

6. Remove adhesive backing from one stocking top piece and place over back

of stocking.

7. Repeat step 6 for the front.

Optional Steps:
Add your name or any other fun festive decorations with our Stick-It Felt Stickers.

Cards and Gifts from the Kids

Decoupage Frame

By: Mary Lyon

This is an easy Christmas craft that will make your rooms festive in an instant using your very own photos and frames. Follow these quick and easy instructions to make beautiful Christmas crafts.

Materials:

- Picture Frame
- Wrapping paper
- Modge Podge or similar type glue
- Hot Glue Gun ‘
- Hot Glue sticks

Steps:

1. Use an old wooden picture frame or one that you can pick up at a yard sale. Remove the glass and put it aside in a safe place.

2. Cut up pieces of gently used or left over Christmas wrap. Place on frame and brush on the Modge Podge. Continue this until the entire frame is covered.

3. You can also cut out shapes (like the candy canes) from the wrap and glue those on too.

4. After the frame dries, take a small ornament or toy and hot glue it to one of the corners.

5. Finish it off by putting your favorite holiday photo inside.

Special Holiday Pocketbook

By: Laurie D'Ambrosio for GlueDots.com

This kids Christmas craft will be cherished by grandparents and relatives alike. Let the kids make this special craft including a photo, unique ornament and a couple of free tickets for BIG hugs!

Materials:

- Craft Glue Dots
- Mini Glue Dots
- 1" Glue Lines
- 5 x 7" photo mat
- 24 x 36" sheet of textured paper
- 1/2" wide flat trim
- 1" wide holiday ribbon
- Gingerbread buttons; Jesse James
- Small red, flat buttons
- Green embroidery floss
- Decorator chalks
- Holiday confetti
- Cotton balls
- Wire nippers or old nail clippers
- Solid green cardstock

Steps:

1. Use the backing cardboard from the photo mat to trace 5 rectangles next to each other across the bottom of your paper.

2. Cut the paper into one long strip. (to make an accordion fold, fold the strip on the lines in opposite directions.)

3. Place Glue Lines on three sides of the photo mat and attach one end of the folded strip to the photo mat. Fold back the last section and secure it with Glue Lines to create a stiff back for the book.

4. Use Glue Lines to add trim to the mat frame. Cut the shanks (loops) off the back of the buttons and use Mini Glue Dots to adhere them to the top of the trim.

5. Use the cotton ball to add red chalk to the pages.

6. Cut green cardstock 1" larger than the item you want to put in the book. Place Glue Lines on three sides and add to the book to make a pocket.

7. Use Mini Glue Dots to add confetti to one or two of the pockets.

8. Tie a piece of embroidery floss to the red buttons and glue them to the pocket using Mini Glue Dots.

9. Add the CD to one of the pages and mark where the slits for the ribbon should be. Use scissors to snip a hole for the ribbon. Cut a 12" piece of ribbon for the CD. Thread the ribbon through the holes and tie on the CD.

10. Secure the ribbon to the back of the book with a Mini Glue Dots, so it doesn't slip out.

Gingerbread Candy Cups

by DecoArt.com

Kids can help create these gingerbread men to hold candy treats at your holiday parties.

Materials:

DecoArt Products Required
Patio Paint

- DCP14 - Cloud White
- DCP21 - Wrought Iron Black
- DCP24 - Clear Coat
- DCP42 - Fuchsia

Supplies

- #12 flat brush
- #0 liner brush
- Brown chenille stems
- Low-temp hot glue gun and glue sticks
- 1.9" standard terra cotta pots

Steps:

Let dry between steps.

1. Coat pots with Clear Coat.
2. Use liner brush and Cloud White to paint wavy lines for frosting and mouths on both pots.
3. Use liner brush and Wrought Iron Black to paint eyes on one pot. Use brush handle end to dot on buttons on the other pot.
4. Use liner brush and Fuchsia to paint candy nose.
5. With liner brush, highlight eyes with Cloud White and outline nose with Wrought Iron Black.
6. Bend chenille stem loosely at center to form small loop (for hanger). Bend each end to form loops for arms. Twist ends at center. (This should resemble three-leaf clover.)
7. Position chenille loops on body with hanger loop at back and secure with hot glue. (Refer to photo.) Immediately add more glue and press two parts of body together. Hold with pressure for minute or two until glue cools and sets.

Cute Beaded Icicle Swirls

By: Cousin Corporation of America

These beautifully decorated icicle swirls would look brilliant hanging on your Christmas tree. They're easy to make and you can reuse them year after year. All you need are some sequins, tinsel and beads. They also make for great gift wrappers.

Materials:

- 12 inch piece of metallic tinsel stem (or pipe cleaner)
- A large round sequin
- 30 – 6mm plastic faceted beads
- Scissors
- Ruler

Steps:

1. Cut a 6 inch piece of tinsel stem. Straighten it with your fingers. (See photo)

2. Slip the end of the stem into the hole on the sequin, and then bend the stem to hold the sequin on. (See photo)

3. String on 15 faceted beads. Stack them next to the sequin at the bottom. (See photo)

4. Wrap the stem around a pencil (or your finger) to form the swirl. (See photo)

5. Curl the top of the stem with your fingers to form the hook at the top of the stem. This can be used to hang your finished ornament.

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Gumdrop Card Holders

By: DecoArt

Add some whimsy to your holidays with terra cotta pots turned into gumdrop place card or photo holders. These are perfect for a holiday party or meal, or use to display photos.

Materials:

DecoArt Products Required
Patio Paint

- DCP25 - Citrus Green
- DCP28 - Fiesta Yellow
- DCP43 - Holly Berry Red

Snow-Tex

- DAS9 - Snow-Tex

Glamour Dust

- DAS37 - Glamour Dust Crystal

Palette Knife

- DT02 - Palette Knife

Supplies

- #12 flat brush
- One 3/4" wood bead for each holder
- One 12" piece of 24-gauge craft wire for each gumdrop
- Low-temp hot glue gun and glue sticks
- 1.9" standard terra cotta pots

Steps:

Let dry between steps.

1. Use palette knife to coat inverted pots with Snow-Tex.

2. Paint wood beads with Holly Berry Red, Citrus Green, and Fiesta Yellow and #12 flat brush.

3. While paint is wet, sprinkle with Crystal Glamour Dust.

4. For each holder, thread one end of wire through bead and twist to secure. Thread other end of bead through pot hole from the inside. Secure with low-temp hot glue. Use fingers to curl wire as desired.

Candy Cane Card

By: Stephanie Barnard For AMACO

Forget store bought greeting cards this year and create your own Christmas card using polymer clay and stamp art.

Materials:

- FIMO® Soft Polymer Clay — #0 White, #202 Metallic Red
- AMACO® Pasta Machine
- Krylon Webbing Spray White
- All Night Media Alphabet and Texture Stamps
- Tsukineko Versa Mark Ink Pad
- Plaid Burgundy Acrylic Paint
- Offray Green Ribbon
- DMD Paper Reflections Cardstock: Green, Red, and White
- Beacon Adhesive Gem-Tac Glue

Steps:

1. CANDY CANES: Condition clay. Roll out two 1/8" by 5" long coils from FIMO® Soft Metallic Red. Make two 1/8" by 5" long coils from White clay. Place coils together, pinching the White coil and Red coil together at one end. Carefully wrap the two coils around each other. Bend into candy cane shape and trim ends.

2. TITLE: Run White FIMO® Soft through the thickest setting on the pasta machine, or to approximately 1/8" thickness. Stamp 'Christmas' into clay using alphabet stamps. Trim excess clay. Using a small straw, make holes in the corners.

3. Bake clay according to directions on packages. Let cool.

4. Paint Christmas title with acrylic paint, making sure paint does not get into letter indentions. Let dry.

5. Tie two bows out of the Green Offray ribbon and glue to the candy canes. Add Green ribbon to Christmas title.

6. Stamp Green cardstock with texture stamp and Versa Mark Ink.

7. Spray Red cardstock with White Webbing Spray per directions on can. Let dry.

8. Glue candy canes to green stamped cardstock, matt with white cardstock, webbed red cardstock, and green stamped cardstock as shown. Adhere to red card.

9. Glue Christmas title to white cardstock, matt with webbed red cardstock and green stamped cardstock as shown. Adhere to red card.

Frosty the Snowman Stand

By: The New Image Group

Frosty goes splat in this delicate and artful holiday display. We love his tiny scarf! This makes for a great holiday gift for someone who loves snowmen. Decorate any room with this cute little guy.

Materials:

- Frosty's Last Stand Template
- Scissors
- Black Marker
- Twigs
- Fabric Glue
- 1 9 x 12 White Quick Stick Felt Sheet
- 1 9 x 12 Tangerine Soft Felt Sheet
- 1 9 x 12 White Soft Felt Sheet
- 1 2 1/2" Doll Head/Knob

Steps:

1. Cut out Frosty's Last Stand Template pieces.

2. Arrange template pieces on corresponding felt and cut out:
   9 x 12 White Soft Felt: Puddle Shape, 9 x 12 White Quick Stick Felt: Oval Shape, 9 x 12 Tangerine Soft Felt: Carrot Nose, Scarf

3. Remove adhesive backing from Quick Stick felt and cover 2 1/2" doll head/knob. Cut off any excess so it will lay flat.

4. Glue snowman head to the middle of the puddle shape.

5. Fringe ends of your scarf piece. Wrap around Snowman head. Glue ends into place.

6. Tuck twigs under the scarf for you Snowman's arms.

7. Glue carrot onto middle of Snowman's face.

8. Using your Black Marker draw on eyes and buttons for embellishment.

Holiday Foam Frame

By: DecoArt

Using foam materials and paints you can create a fun looking holiday frame. Present your favorite memories in this frame. These frames make for great kids crafts.

Materials:

- DecoArt Products Required
- Foam Paint
  - FP01 - White
- 4" x 6" red fun frame, Darice Foamies #1022-48
- Four lime green 6" foam craft sticks, Darice Foamies #1040-88
- Lo-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Scissors

Steps:

1. Cut three craft sticks into 7/8" sections, at angle, to make diamond leaf shapes.

2. Refer to photo for placement and glue remaining foam stick across bottom border of frame. Glue leaf shapes in groups of three around top and sides of frame.

3. Use White Foam Paint to dot on berries at center of each leaf cluster. Write "Holiday joy" on craft stick at bottom. Let dry.

Helpful Tips:

- Remove all labels or tags from products before beginning.
- Cover work area with waxed paper.

Easy to Make Decorations

Felt Christmas Tree

By: The New Image Group

Let your kids design their own Christmas tree using colored felts. This fun Christmas craft for kids is decorative and easy.

Materials:

- Scissors
- 1 - 12 x 18 Pirate EZ Felt Sheet
- Scrap Pieces of Stick-It Felt Sheets

Pattern

Steps:

1. Draw two identical tree forms on EZ Felt or download a template here and place on EZ Felt to cut out.

2. Cut out trees from pattern.

3. Cut the corresponding slits on each tree. One tree will have a slit going from the top of the tree to the center point. On the other, the slit goes from the bottom of the tree to the center point.

4. Cut out ornament shapes from your remnant pieces of Stick-It Felt and place on both sides of tree shapes.

5. Slip the two trees together.

Sparkle Name Stockings

By: Allee Marderosian for ilovetocreate.com

Use iron-on designs and paint to decorate plain Christmas stockings this holiday season. Be creative and add a bit of sparkle to your Christmas decorating with this easy stocking craft.

Materials:

- Tulip® 3D Fashion Paint

  65000 White
  65038 Black
  65042 Fluorescent Green
  65079 Silver
  65083 Blue
  65140 Deep Turquoise

- Tulip® Glam-It-Up!™ Iron-On Fashion Designs™

  Penguin
  Penguins
  Santa Hat
  Snowflake
  Tree

- Pressing cloth
- Paper towels
- Cardboard
- Iron
- Stockings
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Preheat iron to wool setting.

2. Select Iron-On Fashion Design and remove from packaging. For larger designs, if desired, cut out elements of design to place in different areas on stocking. Peel backing from design and position where desired on fabric, plastic side up.

3. Cover design with a thin cloth. Press and hold iron over design for 30 seconds. Let cool, then remove plastic.

4. Turn stocking inside out then iron over design area for 15 to 20 seconds. Let cool.

5. Insert a piece of cardboard into stocking to prevent paint seepage. Start flow of Black Slick 3D Fashion Paint (or desired color) on a paper towel, applying an even pressure on bottle for a smooth line.

6. Create name at top of stocking with Black Slick or desired color. Let dry.

7. Use other 3D Fashion Paint colors to embellish Iron-On Fashion Designs and to create fun holiday scenes and sayings. Refer to photo. Let dry, remove cardboard and enjoy!

Clothespin Santa and Rudolph

By: The New Image Group

These are such cute Christmas crafts. Using clothespins, google eyes and felt you can have cute little friends. These make for great gifts for the holiday season as well as decorations.

Materials:

- 21" Doll Heads/Knobs
- Wood Paint (Brown, Red)
- 19 x 12 White Soft Felt Sheet
- 19 x 12 Red Soft Felt Sheet
- 19 x 12 Cocoa Soft Felt Sheet
- 41" Clothespins
- Paintbrush
- Craft Glue
- 2 1/8" Diameter Google Eyes
- 2 3/8" Diameter Google Eyes
- 11" Square Block
- 13/4" Spool

Steps:

1. Paint your pieces: With the brown paint, paint the 1 3/4" Spool, 1 1" Doll Head/Knob and the 4 1" Clothespins. With red paint, paint the 1 1" Square Block
2. **Making Santa:** Take unpainted 1" Doll Head/Knob (this will be Santa's face) and glue 1/8" google eyes to it. Using red paint, paint on tiny circles for his rosy cheeks.

3. **From White Soft Felt, cut out:** Wavy Rick Rack piece from 12" side of felt for body and hat trim, small 1/2" long piece for moustache, 1" x 3/4" Beard piece and the small ball for top of hat.

4. **From Red Soft Felt, cut out:** Small Semi-Circle to create Santa's Hat. Ours is 2" long by 1" tall.

5. Glue moustache and beard to Santa's face.

6. Glue one end of rick rack piece to back of Santa's body. Apply glue and wrap along top. Trim remainder off.

7. Repeat previous step for bottom part of Santa.

8. Glue Santa's head to body.

9. **To construct Santa's hat:** Glue remaining rick rack piece onto the circular portion of the hat.

10. Bring hat together along flat side and glue in place.

11. Glue white ball on top of hat.

12. Glue hat onto Santa's head.

13. **Making Rudolph:** Cut out the following pieces from Soft Felt Sheets: **Cocoa**: Antlers (Ours measure about 1" x 1 1/4") and **Red:** 1/2" Diameter Circle

14. Glue 4 1" Clothespins to 3/4" Spool. Make sure that it will stand correctly before letting set in place.

15. Glue 2 3/8" Diameter google eyes and red nose onto Brown 1" Doll Head/Knob.

16. Glue antlers to top of Rudolph's head.

17. Once clothespins have dried, glue finished head to spool.

Quick Glitter Pine Cones

By: Mandy Court for MaKC Creations

This kids Christmas craft is a creative way to use the pine cones from your front lawn for a pretty decoration. The kids will love playing with glitter, and your Christmas decor will sparkle.

Materials:

- Pine cones in various shapes and sizes
- Spray adhesive
- Glitter in assorted colors
- Zip lock bags
- Ribbons or pipe cleaners
- Hot Glue gun

Steps:

1. Cover working area with newspaper.

2. Put a couple of tablespoons of glitter in a zip lock bag. The bigger the pine cone, the more glitter you will need.

3. Spray adhesive all over pine cone, being sure to get in between the cracks.

4. Place pine cone in the zip lock bag with the glitter and seal. Make sure it is sealed tightly.

5. Let your little one shake to their hearts content or until the pine cone is covered in glitter.

6. Remove pine cone and set aside to dry completely.

7. Repeat as many times as desired.

8. When dry, attach a ribbon with the glue gun to hang on the Christmas tree or fold a pipe cleaner in half and glue the center of the pipe cleaner to the bottom of the pine cone.

9. Use the pipe cleaner to fasten to the tree branch. (see picture)

Elf Candy Cane Holder

By Robin Tarnoff for Glue Dots.com

Kids can create a holiday candy cane holder with foam materials and Glue Dots.

The candy cane holder project is perfect for a Hodge Podge Crafts event. If you are a Mom or Dad planning a party, or a school or local park district looking for ideas with some left over crafts, the candy cane holder craft project is perfect.

Materials:

- 1" Glue Lines
- Mini Glue Dots
- Craft Glue Dots
- 1 photo cube (MCS Industries, 3x3")
- Craft foam in red, green, white, pink, light brown, black and flesh colors
- Scissors
- Pencil
- 1/8" hole punch; 1/4" hole punch
- Face and hat pattern (download and print)

Steps:

1. Take photo cube box apart and insert one half into the other leaving the top open. Secure the sides with Craft Glue Dots.
2. Cut green craft foam 14-1/2" x 1" for the arms.
3. Cut red craft foam 3-3/4" x 15" for the body.
4. Cut 4 strips of white foam, 1/4" x 4" for the hat.
5. Using this printable pattern, cut out the head, hat, fringe, gloves, cheeks, mouth, nose, bowtie and bowtie center from the various foam colors.
6. Cut or punch 2, 1/8" circles from black foam for the eyes and 1/4" circles from the white and green foam for the buttons.
7. To assemble, apply 1" Glue Lines around the photo cube at the top middle and bottom.
8. Then cover all four sides of the photo cube by wrapping the large red craft foam around the photo cube. (where the ends meet will be the back of the elf.)
9. Use 1" Glue Lines to attach the white foam strips to the hat. (Cut off excess white foam to fit the hat pattern.)
10. To create the face, attach the eyes, cheeks, nose and smile using Mini Glue Dots.
11. Create the hair by cutting strips of brown foam and attaching with Mini

Glue Dots.

12. Using 1" Glue Lines, attach the hat to the face and the face to the back of the photo cube so the face is facing to the front of the elf's body.

13. Apply Glue Lines around the top edge of the outside of the box and secure the arms so they wrap around to the front. Attach the gloves to the arms using Craft Glue Dots. Now attach the buttons to the body front using Mini Glue Dots.

14. Finish the hat off with fringe and attach to the back of the hat using Mini Glue Dots.

15. Assemble the bowtie by adding the green circle to the center using Craft Glue Dots and secure the bowtie under the elf's face.

Christmas Lights Garland

By: The New Image Group

Make some pretty Christmas lights that you don't have to plug in. This easy Christmas craft is fun for the kids and an easy Christmas craft to make.

Materials:

- Scissors
- Single Hole Punch
- 130" of 3/4" Silver Ribbon
- Pencil
- 1 - 9 x 12 Yellow Stick-It Felt Sheet
- 4 - 9 x 12 Glimmer Felt Sheets (4 Different Colors)

Pattern

Steps:

1. Cut out 4 Bulb Shapes on each 9 x 12 Sheet of Glimmer Felt.

2. Cut out 16 Bulb Bottoms from 9 x 12 Yellow Stick-It Felt Sheet.

3. Mark on your Bulb Bottoms with pencil where the holes will be punched.

4. Remove adhesive-backing on Stick-It Felt and affix to bottom of bulb.

5. Using the single hole punch, punch holes where you have marked.

6. Arrange your garland in alternating colors on a flat surface.

7. Once you have determined your arrangement, begin stringing the bulbs together, tying a bow at both ends.

8. Finished Garland will be about 80" Long.

Easy Ribbon Wreath

By: Mary Lyon

For easy Christmas crafts this year, here's a way to recycle your old artificial green wreath to make a pretty ribbon adorned Christmas or Valentine's decoration. Embellish this wreath any way you want and be creative with colors.

Materials:

- Artificial wreath
- Thick ribbon, for wrapping
- Stapler and Staples
- Pipe Cleaners
- Beaded garland or other embellishments

Steps:

1. Start with one color ribbon and your artificial wreath.

2. Secure one end to the wreath and wrap the ribbon around the entire thing. Staple the end of the ribbon to the back of the wreath.

3. Take another coordinating ribbon and wrap it around the wreath. Staple that end to the back of the wreath.

4. Then using the beaded garland, wrap it around the wreath and tie it back with pipe cleaners.

5. For ideas on other items to embellish your wreath with, check out the tutorial on Homemade Christmas Wreath Embellishments.

6. Further embellish the wreath with pipe cleaners shaped into hearts and stick them in between the ribbon; tied together pieces of candy with pipe cleaner and stick those in between the ribbons also.

A Pair of Pinecone Place Settings

By: The New Image Group

Get festive this holiday season and set your table with a pair of pinecone place settings. Felt sheets give them a great look and feel. This tutorial is perfect for step by step instructions.

Materials:

- Scissors
- Fabric Glue
- 19 x 12 White Stick-It Felt Sheet
- 19 x 12 Cocoa Soft Felt Sheet
- 2Hen Egg- 2 1/2" (73.5mm)

Steps:

1. Cut out from both 9 x 12 White Stick-It Felt Sheet and 9 x 12 Cocoa Soft Felt Sheet:

2. Cut sheet in half and cut out about 3/4" diameter circles. These are your pinecone shells and look great with freehand cut outs.

3. Making the Cocoa Pinecone: Place glue on back of circle.

4. Start at the top of the egg and work your way down. Make sure to overlap each row.

5. Making the White Pinecone: Remove the adhesive-backing on a circle. Start at the top of the egg and work your way down. Make sure to overlap each row.

Foam Christmas Tree

By: DecoArt

Try this fun foam Christmas tree to decorate your house this holiday season in a fun way! The kids will have a blast making this goofy foam tree.

Materials:

- Foam Paint
  - FPG02 - Pink Glitter
  - FPG03 - Lime Glitter
  - FP04 - Red
  - FPG05 - Gold Glitter
  - FP06 - Green
  - FP07 - Purple
  - FP09 - Black
- Magnetic strips (optional)
- Craft knife
- Ruler or straight-edge
- 1/4" ribbon in assorted colors
- Scissors
- Paper towelsFoam glue or low-temp hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Large foam sheets: lime green, turquoise, bright green, fuchsia
- Regular roam sheets: yellow, fuchsia
- Foam shapes: round ornament; candy canes; small and large hearts; small and large circles
- Large Styrofoam sheet

Steps:

1. Use straight-edge and craft knife to cut out desired size tree shape from Styrofoam sheet. (Ours is 36" tall.)

2. Cut pieces of lime green, turquoise, and bright green foam slightly larger than Styrofoam. Cut out star from yellow foam and tree base from fuchsia foam. (Refer to photo for placement) Position and adhere with foam glue or low-temp hot glue.

3. Remove protective seals from under Foam Paint caps. Replace caps.

4. Use Gold Glitter to make swirl on star, Pink Glitter for lines on base, and Green Glitter to outline tree sections.

5. Use desired foam paint colors to embellish and personalize foam shapes and ornaments. Let dry.

6. Position and adhere garland, ornaments, candy canes, etc. Let all dry.

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